

**2023 St. Louis Schuetzenverein Competition
As proposed by Mark Balzer
and duly passed by members on 1/12/2023**

A year-long team competition in parallel with the Bestmann competition, using the same targets that get turned in for the Bestmann competition.

Randomly divide the participants into four teams.

Each month, each team goes head to head against one other team, earning a win (3 pts), loss (0 pts) or draw (1 pt), based on total score. The number of scores we count from each team will depend on how many participants we have. A team will count at least one score from each team member that participates in the current month.

After nine months, the team with the best record are the victors. In the case of a tie, they go head-to-head in October to break the tie.

Once an individual has turned in three scores in a particular discipline, they are eligible to receive a handicap adjustment to their team score, based on their year-to-date average.

If we consider a score of 70 to be par for Rifle, 80 for pistol, and 90 for Rifle with half support, anyone with an average less than par would have a handicap equal to the difference. This handicap would be added to his score, the result being his team score. Anyone with an average equal to or greater than par gets no handicap adjustment. An individual's handicap can go up or down each month as his average goes down or up.

We can recognize the victorious team with a permanent wall plaque with the names of the winners from every year.

We can also recognize the most improved shooters from year to year, based on their average. This would first occur at the end of 2024. One possibility would be, as in the Tour de France, where the leader wears a yellow jersey, we get a supply of yellow Schuetzen caps, to be awarded to the most improved shooter in each discipline. They would be permitted to wear these caps at club functions for one year, until someone else claims most improved shooter status. They can keep the cap, but can no longer wear it to club functions.